

# Grahamstown Public School News

Excellence, opportunity, innovation and success in a caring environment

Find us at: Hastings Drive RAYMOND TERRACE 2324

Ph: 4987 6510 or 4987 6512 Fax: 49876513

<http://www.grahamstow-p.schools.nsw.edu.au>



Issue No: 5

5<sup>th</sup> November 2012

## Principal's Report

### Kinder Orientation

Kinder orientation was a huge success with very confident pre-schoolers coming along for the four day event. The children enjoyed the activities presented and appeared excited about returning each day.

Thank you to the staff who were so well organised and to the P&C representatives who gave up their time to present at the parent meeting.

### Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition

Congratulations to the students who were awarded certificates for their participation in the Newcastle Permanent maths Competition. Beatrice from Year 5 received a high distinction while Lachlan, William and Maddison from Year 5 received distinctions. Jackson, Georgia, Ryan, Lachlan, Sam, Harley, Zackary and Will from Year 5 received merit certificates. Ashliegh and Adrian from year 6 were awarded distinctions and Kiara, Lochie, Zachary, Brooklyn, Elissa, Jack, Kaylan and Morgan received merit certificates.

Well done to all of these students, we are very proud of your efforts and results.

### Stories in the Playground

Melissa from Words on the Street and Gina from Thou-Walla will visit our playground every Thursday afternoon until the end of school term. They will be here from 2.15pm until the end of the school day to read stories to pre-schoolers and engage them in craft activities. Come along and join the fun. See further information later in the newsletter.

Have a good week

## EVENTS FOR TERM 4

November 14	Disco
December 5	Hunter Surf Life Saving Program
December 17	Presentation Day
December 18	Yr 6 Farewell

### Notes in Circulation

- Year 6 Sleepover
- Hunter Surf Life Saving Program

Extra copies of all notes and newsletters are available from the front office. **Please remember to send notes and correct money in together by the due date.**

## Term Dates for 2013

**Term 1** Tuesday, 29 January 2013 - Friday, 12 April 2013

**Term 2** Monday, 29 April 2013 - Friday, 28 June 2013

**Term 3** Monday, 15 July 2013 - Friday, 20 September 2013

**Term 4** Tuesday, 8 October 2013 - Friday, 20 December 2013

## Disco Food

Food for the upcoming disco will need to be pre ordered. The order forms will be coming home tomorrow with your child. If your child does not pre order food there will only be minimal food available on the evening to be sold on a first in first served basis. No orders will be taken on the evening of the disco.

All orders will need to be placed in the P&C box at the front office with correct money enclosed.

# Who We Are Family History Program

Please return permission slip to Mrs Kane

I do / do not consent to \_\_\_\_\_  
participating in Family History program each

Wednesday for eight weeks from October 24<sup>th</sup> to  
December 12<sup>th</sup> between 12:00pm and 1:30pm.

My son / daughter has the following special needs:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Canteen News

### Term 4

Tues 6 Nov: Sally Douglas, Vanessa Henderson

Wed 7 Nov: Barbara Govan

Thurs 8 Nov: Tanya Picot, Sharmaine Connor

Fri 9 Nov: Susan Martin, Tracey Singleton

Mon 12 Nov: Renee Wilkinson

\* Please have lunch orders in by 9.00am to  
allow for preparation and cooking.

\*Students going to swimming lessons cannot  
have lunch orders this week.

\*Fruit promotion forms must be filled out in  
pen and with correct details to be entered  
into major draw.

## PRESENTATION DAY

Our 2012 Presentation Day will be Monday  
December 17. Awards for years 3-6 will be  
presented from 9.30am. Kindergarten – Year 2  
will receive their awards at a presentation  
ceremony beginning at midday on the same day.

## Canberra 2013

In Term 4, 2013 Stage 3 will be going on a major  
excursion to Canberra. This excursion will  
support work in class on Australian Democracy  
and Federation. In 2011 this 4 day and 3 night  
excursion cost \$330. It is envisaged that the cost  
in 2013 will be approximately \$350 and due late  
in Term 3.

## Captain Voting

The candidates have been selected for the 2013  
school captain and prefect elections. Due to the  
fact that a large number of quality candidates  
nominated, there were many very capable  
children, who we thank for volunteering, who  
have missed out.

On Tuesday November 6 at 9am in the Hall, the  
final eight boys will make their speeches in front  
of Years 2-6. Voting will take place that afternoon  
and results will be announced at Presentation  
Day Monday December 17.

On Thursday November 8 at 9am in the Hall, the  
final eight girls will make their speeches in front of  
Years 2-6. Voting will take place that afternoon  
and results will be announced at Presentation  
Day Monday December 17.

## Pyjama Day 2012

Pyjama Day last Thursday was a huge success.  
We had a great turn out with much more than half  
the school turning up in their pyjama's each with  
their Gold Coin Donation. It was awesome seeing  
everyone in their favourite pyjamas.

Thank you for your kind donations and support  
for a fellow student who is participating at the  
P.S.S.A Nationals in Adelaide. We raised a total  
of \$435.30.

School Parliament

## Come join us in the playground!

**Stories, songs and craft**

**With Melissa from Words on the Street  
and Gina from Thou-Walla.**

**Every Thursday afternoon until the end of  
school term.**

**2.15pm until the end of the school day.**

**For enquiries, please contact Gina on 4987  
4666.**

## ASSEMBLY AWARDS 2 NOVEMBER 2012

KA	KF
Xander	Jessica
Xander	Harry
Bailey	Emilia
KH	K/1W
William	Kayden
Elyssa	Ally
Harley	Decklan
1K	1R
Dakotah	Toby
Lachlan	Kiah
Chloe	Brendan
2B	2M
Caitlin	Ashley
Alanna	Blake
Eve	Caleb
3C	3S
Sophie	Haylee
Jayden	Lachlan
Kaylah	Grace
4/5R	4K
Orion	Mikayla
Myles	Brian
Shakira	Siena
4P	5/6W
Jayden	Emily
Dale	Jenny
Brandon	Ryan
5S	6F
Lachlan	Shiralee
Harley	Hayley
Liam	Cody
6S	
Tianna	
Renae	
Brittany	

## *"Congratulations to all students who received Merit Awards"* GPS TALENT QUEST

Heats for this year's Talent Quest will be held in Weeks 5/6 during lunchtime. Due to the number of students who have entered, a different day will be allocated for each stage. Students will need to make sure that they have any music, props, instruments and costumes with them on their day. Three acts from each stage will be selected from the heats to go through to the final on Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> of November (Week 6) at 2:00pm in the hall. All students will be asked to make a silver coin donation to watch the final of the talent quest. Families and friends are welcome to attend the final to watch the great talent we have at GPS.

Thank You Mrs Blake

## YEAR 6 GIRLS' SLEEPOVER

This year's 'sleepover' will be held at the Smith Family's camp at Tea Gardens starting on **Saturday November 17 and returning Sunday November 18**. There will be a cost of approximately \$35 per student to cover the cost of food and transport. Thankfully this camp is being sponsored by the Smith Family.

Permission notes and money should be handed in at the Office as soon as possible.

## Free Stuff For Big School

Aboriginal Children and families invite you to come along.

**When: Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2012**

**Where: Thou-Walla Family Centre**

**Time: 2pm**

Please let us know if you can make it by phoning, texting or emailing Emma on 0419604174  
awabakal.pre-school@bigpond.com

## PARENT HELPERS URGENTLY NEEDED

We have lots of fantastic new resources in our Library, that need to be covered.

We would appreciate helpers to cover books. Please contact the school office if you are able to help us.

Many thanks

Library

## *DREAM CRICKET*

The AIM is to provide an opportunity for primary school students with a disability to play cricket. Primary school children in years 3 to 6 who have a disability are eligible to participate.

The Dream Cricket Day will help teachers, carers and parents in improving self esteem and confidence in their children.

Where: Irrawang Primary School

When: 20<sup>th</sup> November 2012

Time: 1pm onwards

*No cost to Student*

## *Raymond Terrace Community Markets*

On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November, Raymond Terrace Community Markets are holding their second Jacaranda Celebration at Riverside Park, 9-2.00pm.

***Colouring in and art competitions*** – We are inviting the local community and school students to participate by entering our colouring in and art competitions. Art competition entries can be collected from the School office. All colouring in and art entries must be given to the Market co-ordinators at Riverside Park by 12.30pm on Sat 17<sup>th</sup> November. Judging will commence at 1pm.

### ***Jacaranda Primary Schools Talent Quest*** –

This year we are inviting local primary schools to enter the Jacaranda Junior Talent Quest. This will be held in the rotunda between 10.30 – 2pm. Entries must be received by the 15<sup>th</sup> November by emailing [rtcommunitymarkets@bigpond.com](mailto:rtcommunitymarkets@bigpond.com) or ph. 0422 144 441. Students can sing, dance, tell a story, give a drama performance. There will be prizes and certificates awarded to the school and to the individual winners.